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Mr. Irving J. Sloan

Dear Mr. Sloan:

I am pleased to learn that you are interested in my idea on the study of Communism in our schools, and that you favor teaching the subject in the William J. Gaynor Junior High School as an after-school, voluntary-basis subject.

Your invitation for me to speak at your first session is appreciated. I regret however that I will very shortly be going abroad and will be unable to accept your invitation.

I am enclosing a copy of the speech I delivered on 22 August 1960 to the V.F.W. Convention in Detroit, Michigan. Thank you for your interesting letter of 25 August 1960.

Sincerely,

**SIGNED**

Allen W. Dulles  
Director

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Mr. Allen Dulles  
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

As a secondary school teacher I read with great interest and agreement your "call" for the study of communism in our schools. In the first instance, the idea of teaching this in junior high school may appear too early. I think not, and I am going to attempt to spend one period a week in class and two after-school periods on a voluntary basis. I am confident that I will get a good-size group of volunteers.

It occurs to me that it would be a wonderful beginning and motivation if a person of your stature would come to speak to the first session. Apart from the impact such a visit would have here, it would certainly get a full measure of publicity in the press and thereby stimulate teachers and schools throughout the nation to pursue such a program. Your address undoubtedly reached only a small part of the school population. Such a visit would reach them all. Many, if not most teachers feel ~~hesitant~~ hesitant about introducing such a course of study without full public endorsement by an official of your level.

I should appreciate having your comments in this connection.

Sincerely yours,

*Irving J. Sloan*

Irving J. Sloan,

William J. Gaynor Junior High School

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